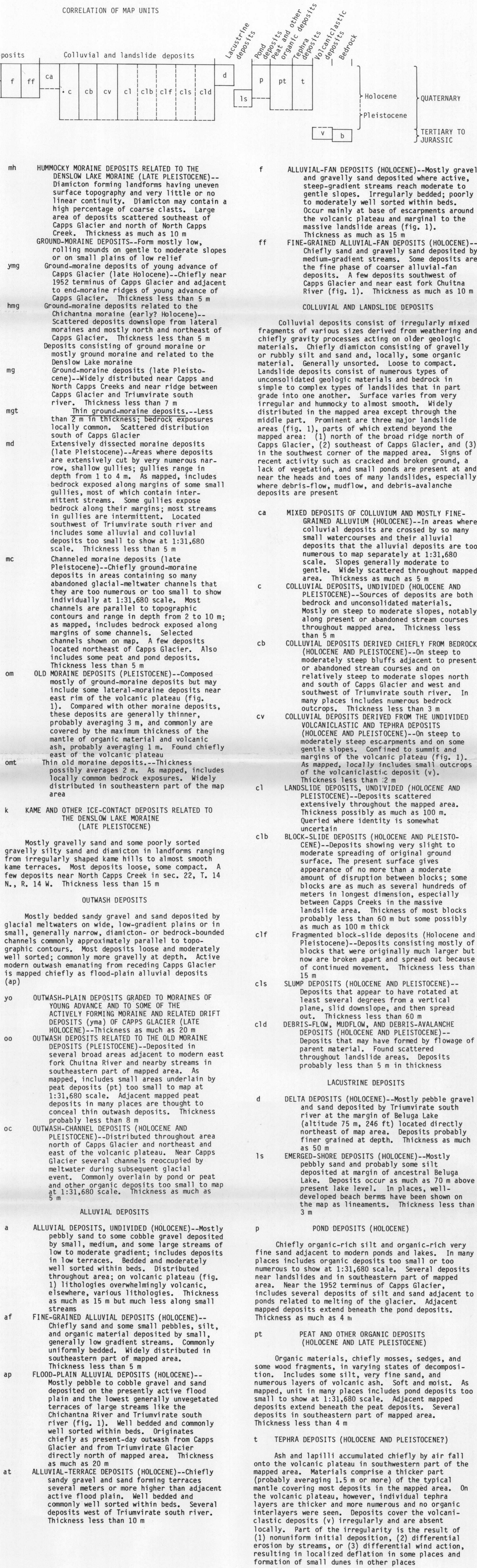


PRELIMINARY SURFICIAL GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE SOUTHWESTERN
PART OF THE TYONEK B-5 QUADRANGLE, SOUTH-CENTRAL ALASKA

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VOLCANICLASTIC DEPOSITS
(QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY)

A sequence of relatively continuous beds consisting of pebbles, cobble-, and boulder-sized clasts in a clay matrix. The clasts consist of sand and granules and some silt and clay. Forms a volcanic plateau in the southwestern part of the Cape Sabine area. Clasts are rounded to subangular and locally some are subrounded to rounded. Lithologies overwhelmingly consist of dense to medium-grained basaltic andesite. Locally several percent of granitic and, rarely, other rock types present; nonvolcanic clasts common.

The uppermost bed is 10 m thick and is locally sand-indurated to loose, largely horizontally bedded, dipping slightly in secs. 17, 19, and 28. T. 14 N., R. 14 W. One local bed in section contains one bed of tuff(?) were found in sec. 19, T. 14 N., R. 14 W.; other tuffaceous material in sec. 19, T. 14 N., R. 14 W. Thickness about 75 m near Capps Creek (Barnes, 1966) thinning southward to possibly 10 m at the mouth of the creek. Includes some volcanic mudflow and (or) pyroclastic-flow deposits which filled a former valley having a southeasterly gradient. Some beds may be of glacial origin.

BEDROCK (TERTIARY TO JURASSIC)

Exposed in steep to moderately steep bluffs and escarpments along the Capps River, especially south of Capps Glacier and along Capps Creek and Capps Creeks. Many scattered bedrock exposures also present throughout the mapped area. Bedrock units include undivided (c), and colluvial deposits derived chiefly from bedrock (cb). General rock types (fig. 2) mapped are: (1) massive, fine- to medium-grained, gray to black, metamorphic rocks of Jurassic to Cretaceous age as well as west of the Capps River; (2) coarse-grained, sedimentary rocks, chiefly sandstone and conglomeratic sandstone of the west foreland formation of latest Paleocene age (Goffe and Tanai, 1980); such as southwest of Capps Glacier and in the southeastern part of the mapped area; and (3) sedimentary rocks, chiefly siltstone, claystone-fine grained, and coal beds of the Yonek Formation (Lower Oligocene through middle Miocene) of the Kenai Group (Wolfe and Tanai, 1980).

Units older than Capps Glacier and along Capps Creek and its tributaries. Principal coal beds are the Capps bed, about 5.5 m thick, and the stratigraphically lower Nekechuk bed, about 1.5 m thick (Placer Area, Inc., 1977). Proposed areas for mining these beds are shown on fig. 2. Drill holes 10-12, overlying and underlying rocks were drilled during two hole-core and preliminary rock-testing operations (see Wolfe and Tanai, 1980). Such as southwest of Capps Glacier, map and fig. 1; Clebard and others, 1980, 1982, respectively). Selected samples including coal sample nos. 028730 through 028736 and 0240919 through 0240924 were analyzed by the U.S. Geological Survey mineral community, 1982; Hinkley and others, 1982.

CONTACT—Approximate, inferred, or indefinite
—ABANDONED GLACIAL OUTWASH CHANNEL—either too small to show or covered by younger deposits. Shown in general location only; includes probable lateral accretion deposits north of the northern part of Capps Glacier

LINEMENT—Straight or curvilinear; narrow or wide
Narrow or wide topographic depression having possible positional ground surface or site of a fault

A SECTION OF 1-CATED SAMPLE—Providing minimum data for Chinitana late-marine

DRILL HOLE—1-U.S. GS 1C-79 (Clebard and others, 1980); 2, U.SGS 2C-80 (Clebard and others, 1982)

TRENCH—Excavation developed by Placer Area, Inc., for bulk sampling of coal

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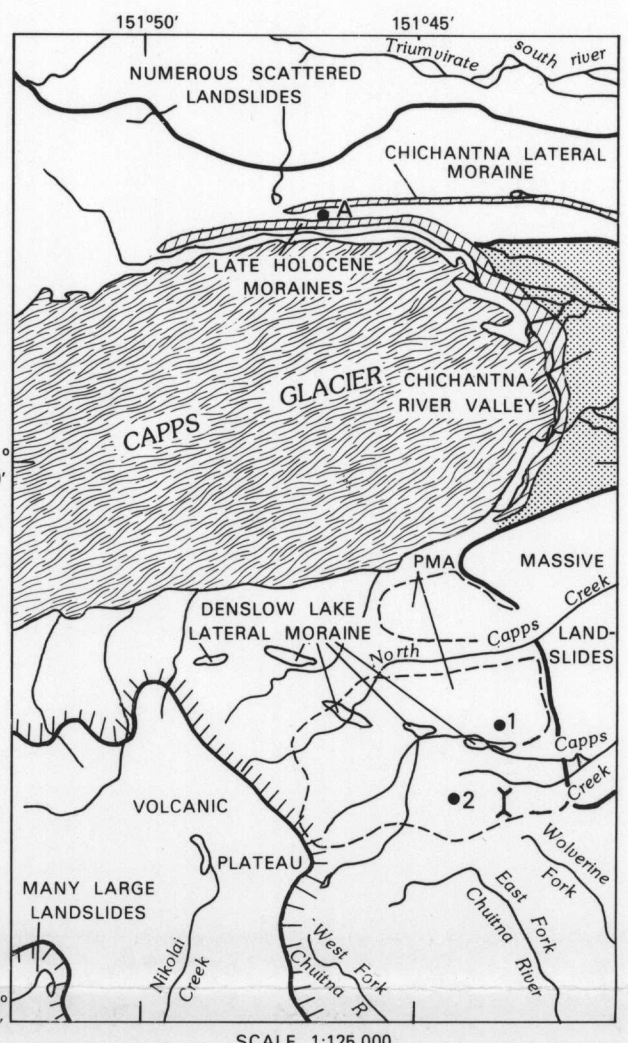



Figure 1.--Selected physiographic, hydrographic, and cultural features. A, site of sample providing ^{14}C date for Chichantna lateral moraine deposits; PMA, proposed mining areas (Placer Amex Inc., 1977); 1, drill hole USGS 1C-79 (Chleborad and others, 1980); 2, drill hole USGS 2C-80 (Chleborad and others, 1982); , trench developed by Placer Amex, Inc., for coal sampling.

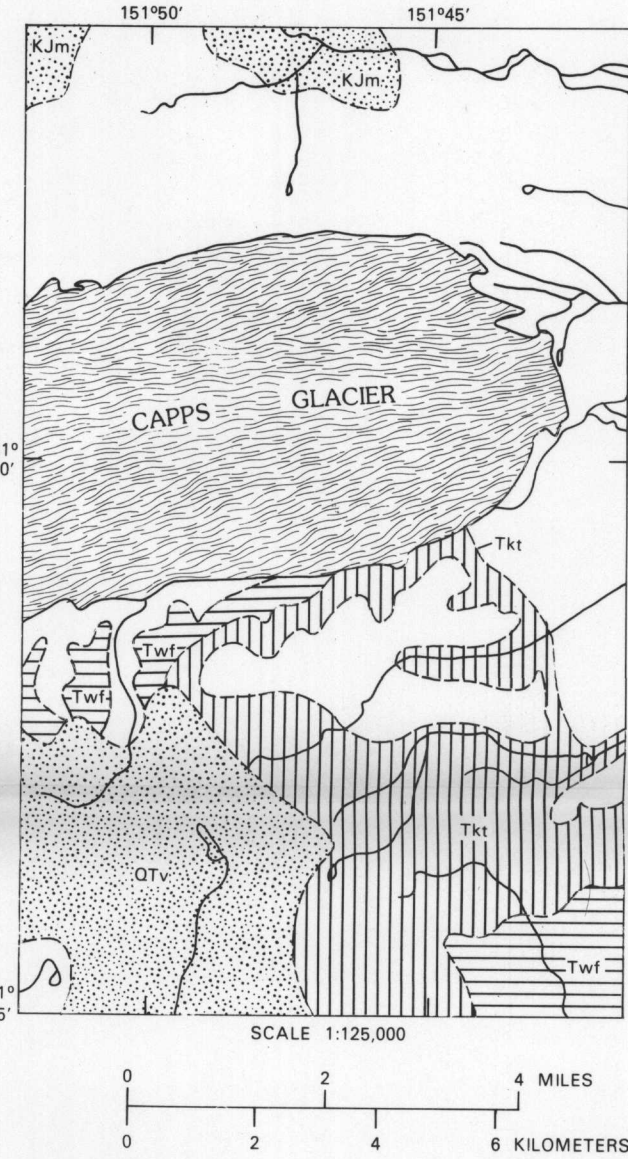
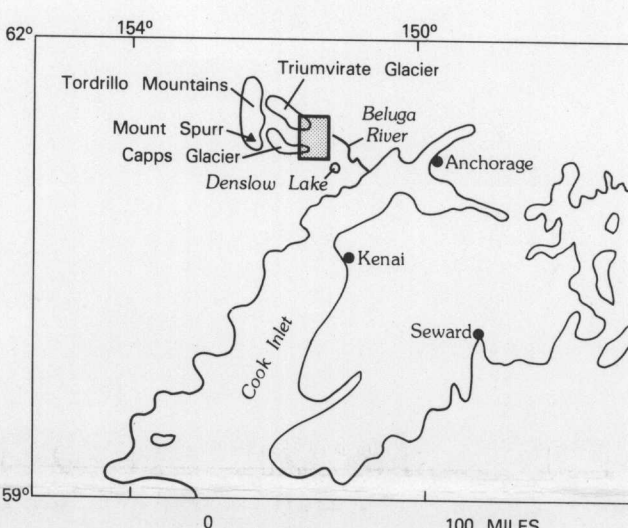


Figure 2.--Generalized bedrock geology from Barnes (1966), Detterman and others (1976), Magoon and others (1976), Manning and Hinderman (1979), Beikman (1980), and Merritt and others (1982). QTv, Quaternary(?) and Tertiary volcaniclastic deposits; Tkt, Tertiary Kenaí Group Tyonek Formation, fine-grained sedimentary rocks; Twf, Tertiary West Foreland Formation, coarse-grained sedimentary rocks; KJm, Cretaceous and Jurassic metamorphic rocks.



INDEX MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF TYONEK
B-5 QUADRANGLE (SHADED)